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Jeff Corwin Supports **“A Rare Affair”**

**Animal Planet Star To Chair
Plimoth Plantation’s 5th Annual Fundraising Soiree**

Plimoth Plantation, Plymouth, MA, August 1, 2008 – Jeff Corwin, the Emmy Award-winning, Animal Planet star, and globe-trotting co-host of CNN’s acclaimed *Planet in Peril*, is lending his support to Plimoth Plantation, as he has signed on as the Honorary Chair for the museum’s 5th Annual Fundraising Soiree, “A Rare Affair,” to be held September 6, 2008, at 6 pm. Each year the museum’s “Soiree” event focuses its fundraising efforts on an essential museum project or program. 2008 is no exception, as the museum celebrates the Rare Breeds Animal Program!

Corwin, a life-long, South Shore resident, was once a colonial interpreter, working in Plimoth Plantation’s famed 1627 English Village from 1986 to 1988. At that time, he took an interest in the museum’s Rare Breeds Animal Program, and upon hearing the program will be the beneficiary of this year’s fundraising gala, Corwin pledged his support as Honorary Chair.

“Plimoth Plantation is a leader with regard to preserving rare breed cows, chickens, pigs, goats and sheep,” said Jeff Corwin. “It isn’t just about the history with these animals, it is about the future of breeding, farming and agriculture. Heritage breeds are often smarter, heartier breeds that can be used for a much broader range of farming needs. Raising money to sustain this crucial program has importance beyond Plimoth Plantation, because this program has global significance. I am pleased to be a part of it symbolically.”

Over 60 years ago Plimoth Plantation made a commitment to historic preservation, which since 1981 has included a dedication to animal breed conservation. Although the museum’s breeds may look like regular farm animals



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commonly seen today, Plimoth Plantation's Rare Breeds Animal Program consists of extraordinary varieties, and in many cases, critically endangered breeds.

"Rare Affair" ticket holders will enjoy knowing that their support of the event will translate into the much-needed sustenance for the advancement of Plimoth Plantation's Rare Breeds Animal Program, including food, care, upkeep of the Maxwell Barn, continued breeding and important outreach and education about the program.

Guest will delight in divine cocktails from an open bar and a superb dinner from Plimoth Plantation's on-site caterers, Creative Gourmet of Sodexo, who promise that the menu has been designed with 'compassionate cuisine' in mind. In addition, attendees will be assigned an auction number to take part in the evenings' silent and live auction festivities.

Kathy Kingston, professional auctioneer from Kingston Auction Company, based in Hampton, New Hampshire will be on hand this year to get the Soiree crowd going with her entertaining auctioneering talents. Some of the rare and exciting items up for bid this year will feature a number of one of a kind opportunities and unique experiences, including: Dinner for four with Academy Award Winner, Chris Cooper and his wife, Sopranos co-star, Marianne Leone; a photo safari for two to Africa; a trip for two to Tuscany; a cocktail party for up to 40 onboard Mayflower II, in the Fort Meeting House at the English Village, or in Plimoth Plantation's famed Hornblower Garden; four tickets to see Tina Turner perform LIVE; a long weekend on Nantucket and another on Martha's Vineyard...just to name a few! Additional donations continue to arrive daily.

"Having the star-power and enthusiasm of Jeff Corwin behind Plimoth Plantation, as honorary chair, is a privilege for the museum," said John McDonagh, Executive Director. "We couldn't imagine anyone more appropriate, or exciting to have supporting our very important efforts to preserve Rare Breeds."

Tickets can be purchased for \$125.00 each. To receive an invitation to Plimoth Plantation's 2008 Soiree, "A Rare Affair," contact Kim Corben at 508-746-1622, ext:8226/kcorben@plimoth.org. Attire for the evening should be festive.